



Events/Awards

# 2017 Idaho Recovery Awareness





# September is Recovery Month

The Division of Behavioral Health is recognizing the following recipients of the 2017 Recovery Awards. Each of the recipients are pillars in the community and have worked hard to reduce stigma around behavioral health as well as working in the community to inspire hope, recovery, and resiliency. Congratulations to all of our winners!

**-The Division of Behavioral Health**  
**Department of Health and Welfare**

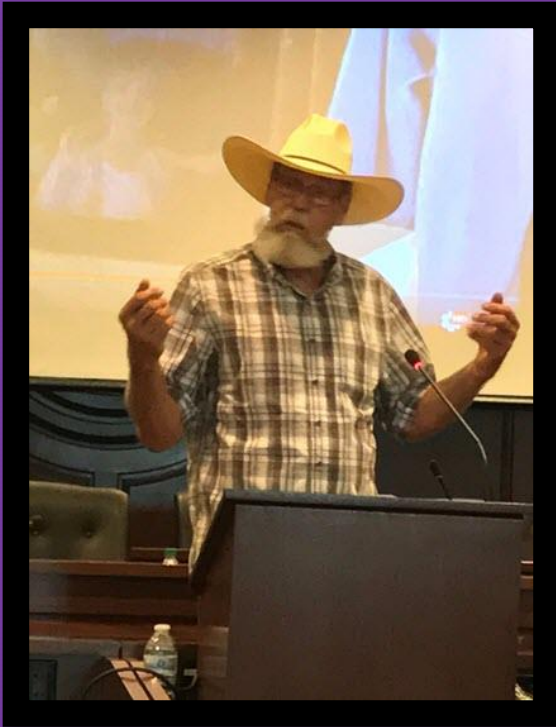


# Statewide Recovery Month Celebration



- September 1<sup>st</sup>
- Idaho Capital Building
- Presentation of the 2017 Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month Proclamation
- Recovery stories
- Art Display

# Statewide Recovery Celebration Speakers



Picture (Left to right): Swede Schmidt, Matt Sather, Brandi Irons



# Statewide Recovery Celebration Award — *Idaho Champion of Recovery*



Picture (Center): Liberties Potts and family



Picture (Left to Right): Liberties Potts and Administrator of Behavioral Health, Ross Edmonds

Region 1

# Awards Presented

## Regional Contributions of Honor Award *Recipient: Katie Schmeer (Couer d'Alene)*



- *"The positive influence Katie has shown through her own dealings with recovery have helped others to find hope and work toward a more positive life."*
- Award presented on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Region 1 Behavioral Health Board meeting.



## Regional Advocate of Recovery Award *Recipient: Keith Sutherland (Couer d'Alene)*



- *"Keith is described as a giver, compassionate, understanding, and someone that wants to serve the recovery community."*
- Award presented on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Region 1 Behavioral health Board meeting.





Region 2

# Awards Presented



**Recipient:** Rebekah Joe “RJ” Carter (Moscow)



- *"(RJ's) group has provided almost 1000 coaching sessions for people dealing with addictions and/or mental health issues."*
- Award presented on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Region 2 Behavioral Health Board meeting.

# Regional Advocate of Recovery Award

## *Recipient: Kirstie Smith (Lewiston)*



- *"Starting as a peer volunteer, Kirstie has been involved in the Lewiston recovery community for several years...Kirstie is also responsible for creating and running a large (300+) recovery event called Breaking the Stigma."*
- Award presented on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Region 2 Behavioral Health Board meeting.



## Region 3- Behavioral Health Board Presentation



Picture (Left to right): Jennifer Harlan & Heather Taylor



Picture (Left to right): Heather Taylor & Trinity Bailey





Region 3

# Awards Presented



## Regional Contributions of Honor Award *Recipient: Trinity Bailey (Caldwell)*



- *"She took on the tasks of recovery coaching and further developed her clientele through her ongoing work with Canyon County Jail and prison inmates."*
- Award presented on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Region 3 Behavioral Health Board meeting.

## Regional Advocate of Recovery Award

*Recipient: Jennifer Harlan (Caldwell)*



- *"Jen continues to go the extra mile helping clients obtain housing vouchers and helping them search for landlords who are willing to "take a chance" on housing people with a felony."*
- Award presented on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Region 3 Behavioral Health Board meeting.

Region 4

# Awards Presented



## Regional Contributions of Honor Award *Recipient: Kristi Springstead (Boise)*



- *"As other women in recovery talk with Kristi and see her success and perseverance, they are greatly encouraged to not give up. We have all benefited from working with her and getting to be a part of her life. When a person experiences a relationship with someone like Kristi, he or she is encouraged to move through obstacles because of all Kristi has overcome."*
- Award presented on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Region 4 Behavioral Health Board meeting.

## Regional Advocate of Recovery Award *Recipient: Penny Layne (Boise)*



- *Penny has worked very hard to get where she is today and plans to continue to do so, "making positive changes within the minds of alcoholics and drug users and people that have trauma's, helping them remove the barriers that cause them to relapse."*
- Award presented on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Region 4 Behavioral Health Board meeting.

## Region 5 - Award Ceremony



Picture (Left to right): Dawn Nutting, Scott Rassmussen (Division of Behavioral Health Region 5 Program Manager), Bill Patterson



Region 5

# Awards Presented





## Regional Advocate of Recovery Award *Recipient: Dawn Nutting (Twin Falls)*



- *"The most valuable resource is Dawn sharing her own personal recovery story of what it was like, what happened, and what her life is like now. In one word, 'HOPE.'"*
- Award presented on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Region 5 Behavioral Health Board meeting.

## Regional Contributions of Honor Award *Recipient: Bill Patterson (Twin Falls)*



- *"He is always willing to help in any way that he can, and willing to share his story to inspire and support others."*
- Award presented on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Region 5 Behavioral Health Board meeting.

Region 6

# Awards Presented

# Regional Advocate of Recovery Award

## *Recipient: Carl Glover (Pocatello)*



- *"His life shows the possibilities for what life can be for those new in recovery. He works as a motivator for those who have been in recovery but may currently be struggling."*
- Carl received his award on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Region 6 Behavioral Health Board meeting.



## Regional Contributions of Honor Award *Recipient: Jodi Phillips (Pocatello)*



- *"She motivates and encourages clients to look at their strengths, to look at their support system already in place and then she encourages them to be thinking outside the box for other possible solutions."*
- Award presented on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Region 6 Behavioral Health Board meeting.



Region 7

# Awards Presented



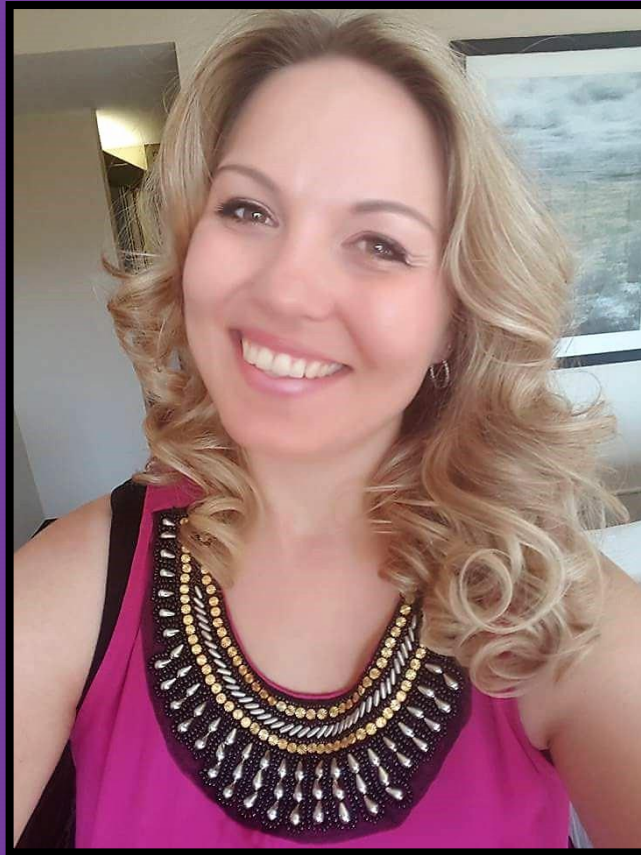
# Idaho Champion of Recovery

## *Recipient: Liberties Potts (Idaho Falls)*



- *"Her ability to identify and motivate new persons in recovery is unique and rare. Her presence on our team provides hope amongst the professional staff as well as a visible example of success to new participants in our program."*
- Award presented on September 1<sup>st</sup> at the Idaho State Capitol.

## Regional Advocate of Recovery Award *Recipient: Stephanie Taylor Silva (Idaho Falls)*



- *"Stephanie wholeheartedly believes that it is her calling in life to show others that recovery and success are not only possible, they are attainable with hard work, and perseverance."*
- Award presented on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Region 7 Behavioral Health Board meeting.